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Subject: Funding for New Power Lines

I read an article titled "*APS Extension Lines Stir Fee Quarrel*" in the Arizona Republic dated Friday August 21, 2009. The gist of the article is that APS and some real estate developers are requesting reinstatement of a policy whereby the cost of power lines for new development is passed on to existing APS customers.

I am a resident of Phoenix and an APS customer. I unknowingly benefited from this policy when I purchased my home in 1984. I believed the costs of new developments were passed on to the people who purchased those new developments; apparently I was wrong. If I would have been asked at that time, I would have said that these costs should be borne by the people purchasing the new homes, including myself. These costs should not be passed on to the existing APS customers. However, I was not asked or informed about this policy.

Businesses in the United States proudly proclaim that we are a "free market" society where the business either succeeds or fails on the viability of the venture. In my opinion, the measure of "viability" should include all costs associated with the venture, including the costs of supplying utilities, roads and other infrastructure to the new development. If the venture cannot support these costs, then the venture should not be initiated. The existing APS customers should not be required to subsidize these businesses to make them profitable, or to increase the income retained by the owners of the business.

Arizona politicians have argued against any tax increase under the theory that such increases will hamper any economic recovery. One basis for this theory is that these increases will reduce the consumer's disposable income, negatively impacting the consumer's willingness to make purchases. These same politicians endorse the proposal to reduce the consumer's disposable income by passing on the new development costs to existing APS consumers. In my opinion, these recommendations should be totally ignored because of the gross contradiction in values they represent.

As a constituent, I request that you vote against this request by APS and the real estate developers. If the new development venture cannot succeed without being subsidized, then the venture should not be initiated.

Thanks you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. McGinnis

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From: Sheila Stoeller on behalf of Mayes-WebEmail
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2009 11:16 AM
To: 'Virginia Waller'
Cc: Kristin Mayes; Giancarlo Estrada
Subject: RE: APS Electric Lines to New Homes

Ms. Waller,

Thank you for your thoughtful comments regarding line extensions and APS. Your letter will be docketed for the record and thus available for reading by the public.

Thank you again for your attention to the details of this case.

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From: Virginia Waller [mailto:~~Virginia.Waller@azcc.gov~~]
Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2009 9:03 PM
To: Mayes-WebEmail
Subject: APS Electric Lines to New Homes

Ms. Mayes:

I read with interest the story in today's Arizona Republic regarding APS extension lines. I saw you quoted in the article, and wanted to add my support to this matter.

While I'm not fully familiar with the issues involved, I was amused by the argument that constructing brand new homes on raw land (with electricity paid for using my money) would help the economy. From where I sit (near the corner of Happy Valley and Pima) there are dozens of wonderful, already-built homes for sale, from the small to the grandiose. How would having even more homes on the market possibly benefit the economy when the surplus already in existence isn't selling? And while I think it would be wonderful to have my dream house subsidized by the citizens of this county, that's just not how things work. Urban sprawl is quite prevalent in North Scottsdale; is more really needed? If people choose not to develop raw land, as an environmentally-conscious individual, I am delighted. Please encourage a NO vote on my shouldering the costs of APS line extensions for developers and builders. (Alternatively, let's have those persons who want us all to pay for their electricity connection pay to bring gas lines and sewage to my neighborhood, which has no gas and septic tanks. You just can't have it both ways).

Thanks,
Virginia Waller

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